

Academic Development

The units in Academic Development are designed to assist students K-12 in developing the academic skills necessary to be successful in the classroom and in life. The three major areas covered in Academic Development are:

Applying skills needed for educational achievement.

Major Points: The emphasis in this area is developing “academic self efficacy”. This includes instilling the belief that every individual can set and attain academic goals. Self-management, study and test taking skills are systematically and intentionally taught to every K-12 student. Sources of help are available for students; they are taught to recognize the need for academic assistance and where and how to get help.

Applying the skills of transitioning between educational levels.

Major Points: The learning within this area includes helping K-12 students acquire the information necessary to make smooth transitions from grade to grade and setting to setting (e.g. elementary school to middle school; school to post-secondary options). Understanding expectations of teachers and requirements of subject areas are examples of information that will help students understand the changes required by transitions.

Developing and monitoring personal educational plans.

Major Points: The Missouri School Improvement Program requires all students to have individual educational and career plans that are initiated no later than 8th grade. This area places emphasis on the knowledge, understanding and skills K-12 students need in order to develop a meaningful educational plan. Specific tasks include: learning to set goals; developing a plan to reach goals; knowing where to go for information/assistance; reviewing and modifying plans.

UNIT DESCRIPTION: Goal Setting This unit is designed to teach students basic goal-setting skills needed to become successful learners. Lesson one teaches the student to identify strategies for goal-setting and planning for accomplishing goals in terms of five strategies: 1) Set a goal and make a plan on paper; 2) Tell someone about your plan and get that person’s help to monitor your progress; 3) Put the plan into action-practice; 4) Reward small steps; 5) Revise your plan if it is not working; 6) Keep working until you’ve accomplished the goal.		SUGGESTED UNIT TIMELINE: 2 Lessons CLASS PERIOD (min.): 30 minutes each				
ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS: 1. How can goals be useful?						
ESSENTIAL MEASURABLE LEARNING OBJECTIVES	CCSS LEARNING GOALS (Anchor Standards/Clusters)	CROSSWALK TO STANDARDS				
		GLEs/CLEs	PS	CCSS	OTHER ASCA	DOK
1. Students will identify strategies for goal setting and planning		AD.6.A.02: Identify goals that lead to learner success.		RF.2.3 RF.2.4 SL.2.1 SL.2.2 SL.2.6 L.2.1 L.2.2 L.2.5 L.2.6	AD A. Students will acquire the attitudes, knowledge and skills contributing to effective learning in school and across the lifespan.	Level 2
ASSESSMENT DESCRIPTIONS*: Students will identify strategies for goal setting and planning.						
Obj. #	INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES (research-based): (Teacher Methods)					
	___x___ Direct ___x___ Indirect					

	<input type="checkbox"/> Experiential <input type="checkbox"/> Independent study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interactive Instruction				
1	See Lessons: Lesson 1: Talk is Cheap (Part 1) Lesson 2: Talk is Cheap (Part 2)				
Obj. #	INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES: (What Students Do)				
1	See Lessons: Lesson 1: Talk is Cheap (Part 1) Lesson 2: Talk is Cheap (Part 2)				
	<u>Direct:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Structured Overview <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Explicit Teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Drill & Practice <input type="checkbox"/> Compare & Contrast (Ls. 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Didactic Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guided & Shared - reading, listening, viewing, thinking (Ls. 1)	<u>Indirect:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving (Ls. 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Case Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Reading for Meaning <input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reflective Discussion (Ls. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Writing to Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept Formation (Ls. 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Concept Mapping <input type="checkbox"/> Concept Attainment <input type="checkbox"/> Cloze Procedure	<u>Experiential:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Field Trips <input type="checkbox"/> Narratives <input type="checkbox"/> Conducting Experiments <input type="checkbox"/> Simulations <input type="checkbox"/> Games <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling <input type="checkbox"/> Focused Imaging <input type="checkbox"/> Field Observations <input type="checkbox"/> Role-playing <input type="checkbox"/> Model Building <input type="checkbox"/> Surveys	<u>Independent Study</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Essays <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Assisted Instruction <input type="checkbox"/> Journals <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Logs <input type="checkbox"/> Reports <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Activity Packages <input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence Lessons <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Homework <input type="checkbox"/> Research Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Assigned Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Centers	<u>Interactive Instruction</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Debates <input type="checkbox"/> Role Playing <input type="checkbox"/> Panels <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brainstorming (Ls. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Peer Partner Learning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion (Ls. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Think, Pair, Share <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative Learning <input type="checkbox"/> Jigsaw <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving <input type="checkbox"/> Structured Controversy <input type="checkbox"/> Tutorial Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing <input type="checkbox"/> Conferencing
UNIT RESOURCES: Common Core State Standards (CCSS), accessed May 17, 2013, from http://www.corestandards.org/					